



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Joe Stecher and the Lincoln Police Department, Lancaster County Sheriff's Department, and University of Nebraska-Lincoln Police Department announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release: On January 23, 2009, a Lincoln man was sentenced to five years and ten months, (70 months), in prison for conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. Information provided to law enforcement indicated that Scott Binnick was involved in the distribution of at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) of methamphetamine in the Lincoln area between April of 2004 and June of 2005. Small amounts of methamphetamine were found by Lincoln Police officers in Binnick's car and on his person on two occasions during that time period.

Binnick originally faced a prison sentence of at least ten years, but he qualified for a sentence below the ten-year statutory minimum due to his lack of a significant prior criminal history and the fact that he provided information to law enforcement about his involvement in this offense. Following the prison term, Binnick will serve five years on supervised release. He was also ordered to pay a \$100 special assessment.

Name of Defendant: Scott A. Binnick

AKA:

Age: 47

City of residence: Lincoln

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Conspiracy to distribute and possess with the intent to distribute 500 grams or more of a mixture or substance containing a detectable amount of methamphetamine, a Schedule II controlled substance, in violation of Title 21, United States Code, Section 846. The possible penalty is not less than 10 years nor more than life imprisonment, and a fine of up to \$4,000,000. Following any prison term, there would be a term

of supervised release of not less than five years. There is also a \$100 special assessment.
Specific Location of Alleged Crime: Lincoln

Location of Arrest: Lincoln

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug: Binnick was held responsible for at least 500 grams (approximately 18 ounces) of a mixture or substance containing methamphetamine.

Others Charged in Same Scheme: none

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: Between on or about April 1, 2004, and June 30, 2005

Federal Arrest Date: February 28, 2006

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: February 24, 2006

Initial Appearance Date: March 2, 2006

Plea or Trial and Date(s): Pled guilty on October 20, 2008

Sentencing Date: January 23, 2009

Next Court Hearing Type and Date: none

Assigned Magistrate Judge: The Honorable David L. Piester

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on conditions on March 2, 2006

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: The Honorable Richard G. Kopf

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